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## PSC SETS INTERVENTION DEADLINE IN DISTRIBUTION LINE CASE

Jefferson City (August 14, 2003)---AmerenUE has filed an application with the Missouri Public Service Commission seeking Commission authority to construct and operate a 34.5 kilovolt electric distribution line (Matthews-East Prairie Line) in New Madrid and Mississippi Counties in Missouri.

According to AmerenUE's application, the proposed distribution line will be approximately 12.6 miles in length, beginning at the Matthews Substation in New Madrid County and ending at the East Prairie Main Substation in Mississippi County. Approximately 5.5 miles of the proposed line lies outside of AmerenUE's current certificated area. According to the application, no razing or demolition of any manmade structures is anticipated as a result of the construction.

AmerenUE states the proposed line is necessary for compliance with good utility practice. The electric company indicates the primary benefit of the line will be to allow for the quick restoration of service in the event of a major outage for the towns of Charleston, Anniston, East Prairie and associated areas.

Applications to intervene and participate in this case must be filed on or before August 27, 2003, with the Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102. Copies of the application should be sent to: Joseph H. Raybuck, Esq., Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE, P.O. Box 66149, St. Louis, Missouri 63166-6149; and the Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 7800, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.